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SUBJ: SENGHOR OPENS CONFERENCE OF 41 (ACP)

1. SUMMARY. SENGHOR PRESIDED OVER OPENING SESSION
OF MEETING OF 41 ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIABLE STATES
NEGOTIATING WITH EEC. SUMMARY HIS REMARKS FOLLOWS.
END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT SENGHOR FORMALLY OPENED JUNE 4 CONFERENCE
IN DAKAR OF 41 MINISTERS AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC
(ACP) COUNTRIES NEGOTIATING WITH EEC. THIS WAS THIRD
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SUCH MEETING AFTER ONES IN DAR ES SALAAM AND ADDIS.

3. RECOGNIZING INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES OF EEC WHICH HAVE TENDED SLOW DOWN NEGOTIATIONS - UK DESIRE RENEGOTIATION, ECONOMIC PROBLEMS EUROPEAN MEMBERS, CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT - HE PAID TRIBUTE TO NECESSARY UNITY DISPLAYED BY THE 41.

4. WE CONTINUE BELIEVE REGIONAL OR INTER-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROPER VEHICLES FOR PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS, SENGHOR SAID. HE CRITICIZED PARTISANS OF WORLD WIDE VIEW (MONDIALISME), GENEROUS IN APPEARANCE, BUT IGNORANT, AGAINST ALL EVIDENCE, OF EXISTENCE DEGREES OF UNDER DEVELOPMENT. RELATIONSHIP WITH EEC HAS ITS PROBLEMS, NOTABLY IN APPLICATION COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AGAINST THIRD WORLD EXPORTS, AND IN EEC GENERALIZED PREFERENCES, SUCH THAT ONLY THIRD OF ASSOCIATED STATES EXPORTS BENEFIT FROM ANY PREFERENCE WITHIN EEC. HE ADDED WE MUST FIND OTHER FORMULAS BENEFIT OUR EXPORTS.

5. EURAFRICAN ASSOCIATION MUST FIND PLACE FOR COUNTRIES OF MIDDLE EAST, BECAUSE OF COMPLEMENTARITY OF MEANS AND CULTURES.

6. MUST BE SYSTEM OF GUARANTEED RECEIPTS OFR ALL OUR PRODUCTS, RAW OR MANUFACTURED. IN FAMILIAR TERMS, HE AGAIN CITED DETERIORATION IN TERMS OF TRADE, STATING THAT RECENT RISES IN PRIMARY PRODUCTS HAD NOT YET ALLOWED THEM REACH LEVEL OF 1952, AND IN FACT ACCORDING PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN GOUX IN FEB 74 ISSUE OF LE MONDE DIPLOMATIQUE, PRIMARY PRODUCT PRICES HAVE NOT RISEN SINCE 1890. THIS IS WHY SENGHOR HAS SUPPORTED IDEA OF AN INDEX OF RAW MATERIAL PRICES IN RELATION TO THOSE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, AN IDEA ACCEPTED BY GROUP OF 77. WORLD BANK SUPPORTS IDEA OF LONG TERM UNFAVORABLE PRIMARY PRICE TRENDS, EXCEPT FOR STRATEGIC MATERIALS SUCH AS PETROLEUM.

7. HE APPEALED FOR MORE GENEROUS FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM EEC, WEIGHTED IN FAVOR OF LEAST FAVORED NATIONS AMONG GROUP, INCLUDING LANDLOCKED AND ISLAND COUNTRIES. DELEGATES SHOULD BEWARE ARGUMENT ADVANCED BY CERTAIN "MONDIALISTES" THAT IT UNFAIR RESERVE FED UNCLASSIFIED

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AID ONLY FOR THE 41 ACP NATIONS. EUROPE OWES IT TO THESE COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF GREATEST GENOCIDE IN HISTORY, WITH 200 MILLION MEN AND WOMEN KILLED IN SLAVE TRADE.

8. NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER IS BEING BORN IN UNCERTAINTY. IN DEALING WITH EUROPE, HE SAID, OUR HANDS ARE NOT EMPTY; WE BRING IMPORTANT MATERIAL RESOURCES, LARGELY UNEXPLOITED, EVEN UNEXPLORED, ALONG WITH HUMAN AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

AND WE WILL REMAIN UNITED, SPEAKING FOR POOREST AND MOST
HUMILIATED OF NATIONS, SETTING EXAMPLE FOR WHOLE THIRD
WORLD.

9. COMMENT: NOTABLE REVERSE PREFERENCES NOT MENTIONED.
REMAINDER OF MEETING, SCHEDULED LAST SEVERAL DAYS, WILL
BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC.
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